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SUBJECT: FOOD AID FOR INDIA - STATUS REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A) NEW DELHI 1832; B) STATE 27463

1. STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS REMAINS AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL
B. INDIAN EMBASSY HAS CONCURRED IN LANGUAGE AGREED
MINUTES, BUT AS FAR AS WE KNOW THEY STILL AWAITING FINAL
CLEARANCE FROM DELHI. THEY SAY DRAFT MINUTES AND TEXT
AGREEMENT PROMPTLY FORWARDED DELHI AFTER AGREEMENT REACHED
HERE JAN. 30.

2. CURRENT VERSION AGREED MINUTES CONTAINS FOLLOWING
LANGUAGE ON EXPORT LIMITATION QUESTION: "THE INDIAN
NEGOTIATORS MADE REFERENCE TO INDIA'S OBLIGATION TO RETURN
IN KIND WHEAT BORROWED FROM ABROAD, AND ITS FULL INTENTION
TO FULFILL THIS COMMITMENT. THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS STATED
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THE USG'S POSITION REGARDING SHIPMENTS OF WHEAT TO THIRD

COUNTRIES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENT. BOTH SIDES NOTED THAT THE ISSUE OF SUCH REPAYMENT IN KIND DOES NOT RISE DURING THE PERIOD WHEAT WILL BE IMPORTED OR UTILIZED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AS THE ABOVE MENTIONED COMMITMENT FOR REPAYMENT IS NOT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN UNTIL AUGUST, 1976. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER TO REACH

MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD FUTURE PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA ARISE".

3. AGREED MINUTES LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO SALES PROCEEDS LANGUAGE READS AS FOLLOWS: "WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE II F OF PART I, THE INDIAN NEGOTIATORS NOTED THAT SALES PROCEEDS WILL NOT BE USED FOR LOANS BY THE GOI TO PRIVATE OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN INDIA, BUT WOULD BE USED AS BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AS INDICATED IN ITEMS V AND VI OF PART II. THE U.S. SIDE AGREED THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE LANGUAGE RELATED TO INTEREST RATES IN THIS SECTION WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE. WITH REFERENCE TO ARTICLE II F OF PART I AND PART II, ITEM V, IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE ADEQUATE IF ANNUAL REPORTS WERE RECEIVED ON THE SAME BASIS AS PARAGRAPH 3B ABOVE AND CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING:

A) STATEMENT OF THE PROCEEDS ACCRUING TO THE GOI EQUIVALENT TO THE DOLLAR VALUE OF COMMODITIES SUPPLIED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND;

B) A STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES EQUIVALENT TO THE PROCEEDS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE ON THE ACTIVITIES MENTIONED IN PART II, ITEM VI, AND;

C) REPORT ON ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER ITEM VI OF PART II OF THE AGREEMENT".

4. USDA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES HAVE APPROVED THIS LANGUAGE. WITH EXCEPTION MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES, REST OF AGREED MINUTES REMAINS AS SEEN BY LANDE DURING HIS CONSULTATION.

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5. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL A - WE HOPE GOI NOT CONSIDERING FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN EXPORT LIMITATION LANGUAGE. THIS ISSUE WAS SETTLED A MONTH AGO BY BOTH SIDES AFTER LONG AND TEDIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. INGERSOLL

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